

Pre-Peer Review Signature Page

**(SIGNATURE AND DATES MUST BE COMPLETE PRIOR TO DISTRIBUTING THIS PROJECT PLAN TO
PEER REVIEWERS)**

[Lead Scientist, Project Number and Title]

This project plan was found to meet the peer review criteria, to be in compliance with the Project Plan Instructions and Format, and demonstrate how the research team will conduct research in a manner appropriate for this area of research. The funds committed toward this project are sufficient to support the planned research.

Research Leader

Date

This project plan was prepared by a qualified research team and demonstrates the research team's best effort towards achieving the assigned research objectives.

Center, Institute or Lab Director

Date

This project plan was prepared by a qualified research team and demonstrates the research team's best effort towards achieving the assigned research objectives. All internal review and approval requirements have been met. This project plan is relevant to the Agricultural Research Service's National Program [enter NP # and title] Action Plan and was prepared in accordance with the outlined objectives, experimental approach, and project duration previously agreed to by the National Program Team and Research Team. To validate the plan's readiness for implementation and gain recommendations for improvement, the project plan is now available for peer review.

Area Director

Date

These officials have not performed a scientific merit peer review. Their statements do not necessarily require expertise in the scientific subjects associated with this research. The approval to implement this project plan cannot be made without scientific peer review coordinated by the Office of Scientific Quality Review, ARS, USDA.

Post-Peer Review Signature Page

[Lead Scientist, Project Number and Title]

This project plan was revised, as appropriate, according to the peer review recommendations and/or other insights developed while considering the peer review recommendations. A response to each peer review recommendation is attached. If recommendations were not adopted, a rationale is provided.

Research Leader

Date

This final version of the project plan reflects the best efforts of the research team to consider the recommendations provided by peer reviewers. The responses to the peer review recommendations are satisfactory.

Center, Institute or Lab Director

Date

The attached plan for the project identified above was created by a team of credible researchers and internally reviewed and recognized by the team's management and National Program Leader to establish the project's relevance and dedication to the Agricultural Research Service's mission and Congressional mandates. It reflects the best efforts of the research team to consider the recommendations provided by peer reviewers. The responses to the peer review recommendations are satisfactory. The project plan has completed a scientific merit peer review in accordance with the Research Title of the 1998 Farm Bill (PL105-185) and was deemed feasible for implementation. Reasonable consideration was given to each recommendation for improvement provided by the peer reviewers.

Area Director (original signature required)

Date

Re-Review Signature Page

**(SIGNATURE AND DATES MUST BE COMPLETE PRIOR TO DISTRIBUTING THIS PROJECT PLAN TO
PEER REVIEWERS)**

[Lead Scientist, Project Number and Title]

This project plan was revised according to the recommendations made by the panel. It is found to meet the peer review criteria and to be in compliance with the project plan instructions and format, and demonstrate how the research team will conduct research in a manner appropriate for this area of research. The funds committed toward this project are sufficient to support the planned research.

Research Leader

Date

This project plan was prepared by a qualified research team and demonstrates the research team's best effort towards achieving the assigned research objectives.

Center, Institute or Lab Director

Date

This project plan was prepared by a qualified research team and demonstrates the research team's best effort towards achieving the assigned research objectives. All internal review and approval requirements have been met. This project plan is relevant to the Agricultural Research Service's National Program [enter NP # and title] Action Plan and was prepared in accordance with the outlined objectives, experimental approach, and project duration previously agreed to by the National Program Team and Research Team. To validate the plan's readiness for implementation and gain recommendations for improvement, the project plan is now available for peer review.

Area Director

Date

These officials have not performed a scientific merit peer review. Their statements do not necessarily require expertise in the scientific subjects associated with this research. The approval to implement this project plan cannot be made without scientific peer review coordinated by the Office of Scientific Quality Review, ARS, USDA.